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Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 54 percent of the cotton acreage, below last year's 69 percent, and behind the five-year average of 65 percent. Harvesting is underway at 7 percent complete, slightly behind last year at 9 percent, but ahead of the five-year average of 4 percent. Cotton conditions are mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	9	31	54	6
Cotton	0	1	15	51	33
Range and Pasture	56	20	18	4	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	54	48	69	65
• Harvesting	7	5	9	4

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 6, ranging from 1 degree below normal at Roll to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Phoenix and Yuma and the lowest reading of 43 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 stations. Yuma received the most at 1.64 inches of precipitation. Tucson received the least with 0.04 inches. Yuma is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
August 31, 2009 - September 6, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	85	5	102	65	0.15	3.70	-3.09	54
Buckeye	89	1	109	73	0.17	2.30	-2.37	49
Canyon De Chelly	73	4	92	49	0.00	3.58	-2.69	57
Coolidge	84	0	106	68	0.39	2.92	-2.11	58
Douglas	79	4	97	59	0.00	4.51	-4.83	48
Flagstaff	64	5	85	47	0.39	7.59	-7.68	50
Grand Canyon	65	9	89	43	0.60	7.53	-6.54	54
Kingman	82	5	102	63	1.05	4.22	-2.57	62
Marana	86	3	109	69	0.53	4.27	-3.41	56
Maricopa	86	2	107	70	0.41	3.38	-1.29	72
Paloma	89	2	109	74	0.00	1.50	-3.06	33
Parker	87	0	106	68	0.00	1.03	-1.76	37
Payson	73	4	93	54	0.40	9.20	-5.43	63
Phoenix	93	5	110	76	0.17	2.80	-1.87	60
Prescott	74	7	94	56	0.46	5.94	-7.91	43
Roll	89	-1	109	71	0.12	0.82	-1.13	42
Safford	83	5	100	65	0.06	3.40	-2.70	56
St. Johns	72	4	93	53	0.30	2.84	-5.01	36
Tucson	86	5	105	69	0.04	4.72	-3.17	60
Willcox	79	6	99	60	0.34	8.74	-0.02	100
Winslow	77	6	97	56	0.34	2.13	-3.05	41
Yuma	95	6	110	73	1.64	2.40	0.45	123
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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